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For : CONTROLLED-RELEASE ORAL PREPARATION OF
ESCULETIN AND ITS DERIVATIVES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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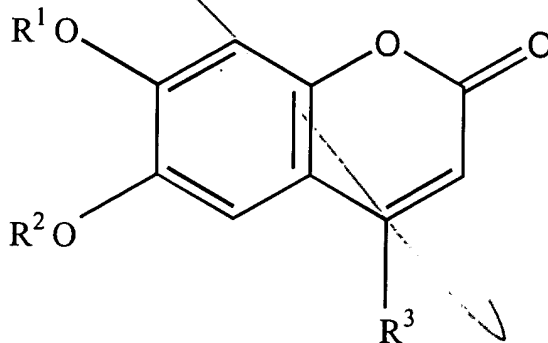
Sir:

With reference to the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application prior to issuance of the first Office Action:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 10 as shown in clean form:

1. (Amended) A controlled-release oral preparation comprising esculetin, or
its derivative shown by the formula (I),



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